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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS  
SUBJECT: MYONGDONG PRISONERS: CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT

REF: SEOUL 3306

1. ONE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG'S SECRETARIES REPORTED TO USIS OFFICER THAT KIM BEGAN HUNGER STRIKE ON MAY 7 FOR NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS IN TREATMENT, INCLUDING MORE AND LENGTHIER VISITS FROM FAMILY, GREATER PRIVACY DURING VISITS, BETTER MEDICAL TREATMENT, BETTER FOOD, AND TRANSFER TO PRISON IN JURISDICTION OF SEOUL APPEALS COURT WHERE HE HAS ELECTION LAW VIOLATION CASE PENDING.

2. REV. KIM KWAN-SUK TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT ROKG HAS AUTHORIZED KNCC TO FORM COMMITTEE TO VISIT MYONGDONG PRISONERS AND INSPECT CONDITIONS OF THEIR IMPRISONMENT. KIM SAID FIRST VISIT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE TO MUN IK HWAN.

3. COMMENT: HOPEFULLY, KNCC MEETINGS WITH PRISONERS WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE CHANNEL FOR HANDLING THEIR COMPLAINTS AND HELP ASSURE UNIFORMITY IN THEIR TREATMENT.

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